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**Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR AUTOMATIC  
EVALUATION OF BALANCE SHEET OBJECTS  
Inventors: Mathias SONNEK and Stefan SCHMID

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 33 pages, including 3 independent claims and 24 claims total.
2. Drawings- 1 sheet of drawings (Figure 1).
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:



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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ 770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	24	-	20	4	x \$18	72.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$86	0.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 842.00

4. A check for \$842.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$770.00 filing fee; and  
\$72.00 additional claims fee.

Applicant claims the right to foreign priority based on Patent Application No. DE 103 13 693.2, entitled "Method for Automatic Value Adjustment for Balance-Sheet-Related Objects," filed March 27, 2003 in the German Patent Office.

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This application will be completed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) upon receiving a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

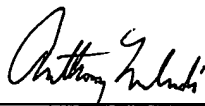
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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